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AUGUST 18, 1967

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, AUGUST 5:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: THE WEATHER HAS BEEN THE SAME THING, CLOUDY AND FOGGY ABOUT EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST FIVE WEEKS. IN BETWEEN FOG AND SUNSHINE, I HAVE MANAGED TO FIND SOME FISHERMEN.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: FISHERMEN ARE STILL CATCHING A FEW NIC SALMON FROM DAMARISCOTTA LAKE.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSETT, JR., ELLSWORTH, DIV. C, AUG. 13

WARDEN JOE CARON, OLD TOWN: ANOTHER VERY WET WEEK AND ACTIVITY ALMOST AT A STANDSTILL. DOGS ARE MORE ACTIVE THAN PAST SUMMERS WITH THE COOL WEATHER. MUSHROOMS GROWING EVERYWHERE AS THEY DID SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THIS WAS THOUGHT TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE LOW DEER KILL SINCE DEER WERE FEEDING ON THEM QUITE EXTENSIVELY. IF THIS CONDITION CONTINUES, I WOULD EXPECT DEER WILL BE HARD TO FIND AGAIN THIS YEAR. PARTRIDGE ARE NOT SHOWING UP WELL AT ALL IN THIS DISTRICT. OBSERVED ONLY ONE BROOD, AND THAT CONTAINED ONLY ONE YOUNG BIRD. HAWKS SEEM PLENTIFUL, HOWEVER. HAVE SEEN MORE EAGLES THAN IN PAST YEARS. THERE IS A PAIR ON THE PENOBSCOT THAT CAN BE SEEN DAILY. DUCKS ALONG THE PENOBSCOT ARE FAIRLY ABUNDANT.

WARDEN R. LYLE FROST, SULLIVAN: FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT CONTINUES GENERALLY LIGHT -- DUE, IN PART AT LEAST, TO THE POOR WEATHER. I HAVE FISHED SEVERAL OF THE SMALLER STREAMS IN THIS AREA THIS SUMMER AND FIND IT NOT DIFFICULT TO CREEL A LIMIT OF NATIVE BROOK TROUT. NONE OF THESE BROOKS HAVE BEEN STOCKED FOR YEARS. I TALKED TODAY WITH A YOUNG MAN FROM ANOTHER STATE WHO MARVELLED AT THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY BOATING AND FISHING HERE. SEEMS THAT "AT HOME," PONDS ARE AS CROWDED AND BUSY AS THE SOUTH-BOUND LANE OF OUR MAINE TURNPIKE ON LABOR DAY. AND SPEAKING OF LABOR DAY, IT SEEMS I NOTICE MORE PEOPLE EACH YEAR VISIT MAINE AFTER THAT HOLIDAY TO ENJOY OUR USUALLY FINE SEPTEMBER WEATHER AND SOME GOOD, QUIET FISHING.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, AUGUST 5:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: WHILE WE SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND, FISHING ACTIVITY REMAINS SLOW. BOATING ACTIVITY IS ALSO DOWN FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. A FEW GROUSE BROODS ARE SHOWING UP. THE YOUNG BIRDS ARE QUITE ADVANCED IN GROWTH FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. THEY ARE NEARLY AS LARGE AS THE ADULTS.

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WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: I AIDED FISHERIES DIVISION WHEN NETS WERE REMOVED FROM WEST CARRY POND RECENTLY. THE GROWTH RATE OF THE TROUT AND TOGUE APPEARS TO BE AS GOOD AS ANY IN THE STATE. WEST CARRY POND HAS FISH FOR THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY CLUB. LARGEST TROUT, FIVE POUNDS, AND THE LARGEST TOGUE WAS EIGHT POUNDS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, AUGUST 15:

FISHERMEN ARE NOT PLENTIFUL AT PRESENT. SOME DAYS IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ANY AT ALL. THE POLLUTION IN THE PENOBSCOT RIVER IS THE WORST THIS SUMMER THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN. THE STENCH OF IT FROM MATTAWAMKEAG TO EAST MILLINOCKET IS NAUSEATING AS THE TOURISTS DRIVE ALONG ROUTE 157 TO GET INTO THE MILLINOCKET AREA. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF DEAD FISH (SUCKERS) ALONG THE RIVER. THE WATER IN MANY PLACES IS COVERED WITH A SOLID MASS OF "CRUD" FOR A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET OR MORE FROM THE SHORE, WHILE GREAT RAFTS OF THE SAME FLOAT ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER. BEARS ARE STARTING TO WORK THE GRAIN FIELDS EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT BERRY CROP.

WARDEN ROBERT SMITH, LINCOLN: LAST WEEK I WAS CALLED TO INVESTIGATE AN ACCIDENT WHICH INVOLVED A SMALL CALF MOOSE AND A CAR. TWO NIGHTS LATER, I HAD THE OCCASION TO BE IN THE SAME AREA AND SAW A SMALL COW WITH TWO CALVES. I BELIEVE SHE WAS ALSO THE MOTHER OF THE ONE WHICH WAS KILLED. TRIPLETS ARE VERY RARE AMONG MOOSE. CAMPERS ARE VERY PLENTIFUL, BUT FISHERMEN ARE SCARCE IN THIS DISTRICT. BEAR SEEM TO BE SHOWING UP MUCH BETTER THIS YEAR. I TALKED WITH A FISHERMAN YESTERDAY WHO REPORTS HE HIT THE PERCH THE BEST HE HAD EVER HIT THEM. THEY WERE COMING SO FAST HE CAUGHT 12 ON A BARE HOOK! MANY DUCKS SHOWING UP AND THE DEER HERD SEEMS TO BE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE. PARTRIDGE ARE NOT SHOWING UP AT THE PRESENT TIME.